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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: SUGGESTED TOPICS

1. GENERAL. WE VIEW VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDONESIA
PRIMARILY AS MEANS OF ERASING DOUBTS AS TO U.S. POLICIES
TOWARD INDONESIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, STRENGTHENING BILATERAL
RELATIONS AT BEGINNING OF NEW INDONESIAN ADMINISTRATION,
AND POSSIBLY LAUNCHING NEW COOPERATIVE INITIATIVES IN
FIELDS OF FOOD AND ENERGY. VISIT IS ALSO DESIGNED TO HELP
SATISFY GOI DESIRE FOR PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS. WE HAVE
RECOMMENDED VISIT BE ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS.
2. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI LEADERS, VICE PRESIDENT
CAN BE EXPECTED TO REAFFIRM US INTEREST IN PACIFIC AREA
AND ASEAN AND INTENTION RETAIN STRONG SECURITY PRESENCE IN
ASIA AND PACIFIC AS WELL AS ASSIST IN MEETING LEGITIMATE
SECURITY NEEDS OF OUR FRIENDS. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR
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WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE ADDRESS MORE RECENT GOI EQUIPMENT
DESIRES IN MORE THAN GENERAL TERMS. VP WILL BE PREPARED
BRIEF GOI LEADERSHIP ON CERTAIN WORLD POLITICAL ISSUES, IF
EMB BELIEVES GOI HAS SPECIFIC INTERESTS AND TIME PERMITS.

3. FOOD. WE HOPE VP WILL BE IN POSITION OFFER SUBSTANTIAL
LONG-TERM COMMITMENT PL-480 TITLE I AND TO DISCUSS TITLE III

POSSIBILITIES. USG SUPPORT FOR INCREASED LEVELS FOOD AID

WOULD, HOWEVER, BE CONDITIONAL ON GOI UNDERTAKING TO DEVELOP AND VIGOROUSLY PURSUE MEASURES TO INCREASE DOMESTIC FOOD PRODUCTION. WE ALSO EXPECT VP BE PREPARED EXPLORE LONGER TERM ASSISTANCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING AND--IMPORTANTLY--TO SIGN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION LOAN.

4. ENERGY. VP WILL DISCUSS COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE ENERGY SUPPLIES AND IS EXPECTED BE IN POSITION TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN ENERGY SURVEYS, DATA COLLECTION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE RESOURCES, POSSIBLY WITHIN SOME WIDER ASEAN CONTEXT. IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT RESOLUTION OF LNG PRICING ISSUE WILL HAVE REACHED STAGE AT WHICH IT COULD BE ANNOUNCED, BUT MAJOR DOE OBSTACLES MAY HAVE BEEN OVERCOME. SOME THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO PROPOSING JOINT COAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT, POSSIBLY WITH AUSTRALIANS.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS. VICE PRESIDENT CAN BE EXPECTED UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS, EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING OF INDONESIA'S PROBLEMS, GRATIFICATION AT PROGRESS MADE ON DETAINEE RELEASES AND ICRC VISITS, CONFIDENCE GOI WILL CONTINUE FAVORABLE TREND ALREADY IN MOTION, AND REITERATE HOPE THAT GOI WILL FIND ITSELF ABLE

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ACCELERATE RELEASES AND PERMIT RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PLAY ROLE IN ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR. IN ANTICIPATION VP'S VISIT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF GOI COULD BY THEN HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DISMANTLING SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AND RELEASE PRISONERS TAKEN SINCE DECEMBER IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE THAT THESE WERE RELATED TO UNIQUE PRE-MPR POLITICAL SITUATION RATHER THAN REPRESENTING A NEW, NEGATIVE DIRECTION IN GOI ATTITUDES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SPECIFIC THOUGHTS ON HOW BEST TO CONVEY THIS TO GOI.

6. WE ARE ASSUMING GOI LEADERS WILL OR MIGHT WISH RAISE POSSIBLE SUHARTO VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PROSPECTS IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE, US STANCE IN USA, AND ECONOMIC ISSUES INCLUDING TRADE, INVESTMENT, TAX PROVISIONS AND COMMODITY ISSUES. VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE PREPARED TO ANSWER GOI QUESTIONS BUT THESE SHOULD NOT BECOME MAIN ISSUES OF VISIT.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (INCLUDING ANY TOPICS WE MAY OVERLOOK) SOONEST. WE MUST, HOWEVER, BE SELECTIVE BEARING IN MIND LIMITED TIME FOR VISIT AND DISCUSSIONS. IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH GOI

OFFICIALS ON ISSUES EMBASSY SHOULD NOT GO INTO SPECIFICS
OF WHAT VP WILL DO. VANCE

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